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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, Nov. 18th.....8:15 P.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Steinberg

PALESTINE—IS IT TO BE ANOTHER
CZECHOSLOVAKIA?

A discussion based on William Ziff's
"The Rape of Palestine"

Saturday Morning, Nov. 19th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon — 10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

Minhah — 4:30 P.M.

Friday Evening, Nov 25th.....8:15 P.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Steinberg

THE LIMITS OF THE ARTS

Comments on the dramatization by the
Yiddish Art Theatre of two novels,
I. J. Singer's "The Brothers Ashkenazi"
and Sholom Asch's "Three Cities"

Saturday morning, Nov. 26th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon — 10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

Minhah — 4:30 P.M.

MAJOR EVENTS

SISTERHOOD BAZAAR AND RESTAURANT

From 6 P.M. Saturday Evening, November 19th, through
Monday evening, November 21st

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The Restaurant conducted by Schleiffer's chefs. A
special inaugural dinner will be served on Saturday
evening, November 19th from 6—8 P.M.



A large selection of merchandise offered for sale.



Games and entertainment.

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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

On the evening of November 18th, Rabbi Steinberg will discuss the much mooted question as to whether what has happened in Palestine is the result of blunder or deliberate policy. He will employ as the basis of his discussion, a new exposé entitled "The Rape of Palestine" by William Ziff, and will discuss the implications of the present situation in Palestine for future Zionist work.

On November 25th, Rabbi Steinberg will review the two plays, presented this and last season by the Yiddish Art Theatre, which are dramatizations of distinctive novels—"Three Cities" by Sholom Asch and "The Brothers Ashkenazi" by I. J. Singer. Out of his discussion will emerge a statement of the distinctions between the art of the novelist and of the playwright.

MUSIC AT SERVICES

We want our worshippers to become better acquainted with the music used at our Sabbath services. The program for the Friday evenings of November 18th and 25th is as follows:

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| Ma Tovu | Sulzer |
| L'cho Dodi | Naumbourg |
| Borchu-Shma | Binder |
| Mi Chomocho | Goldfarb |
| V'shomru | Schorr |
| May the Words..... | Binder |
| Kiddush | Putterman |
| Va-anachnu | Grauman |
| There Lives a God..... | Otto Lob |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday evening, Nov. 17th—8:30 P.M.
Men's Club meeting.
- Friday evening service, Nov. 18th—8:15 P.M.
- Saturday morning service, Nov. 19th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Minhah Service—4:30 P.M.
- SATURDAY EVENING, SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, 21st
- SISTERHOOD BAZAAR AND RESTAURANT
- Sunday School Sessions for High School Department—9:45 A.M.
- Monday evening, Nov. 21st—
Adult Education Classes.
- Tuesday evening, Nov. 22nd—
School Board Meeting—8:15 P.M.
Meeting of Young Folks League—8:30 P.M.
- Friday evening service, Nov. 25th—8:15 P.M.
- Saturday morning service, Nov. 26th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.
- Minhah Service—4:30 P.M.
- Sunday School sessions, Nov. 27th—9:45 A.M.
- Sunday morning, November 27th—10:30 A.M.
Parents Group.
- Monday evening, Nov. 28th—
Collegiate Division Classes
- Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 29th—
Sisterhood meeting—1:30 P.M.
- Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th—8:30 P.M.
Meeting of Young Folks League.
- Thursday evening, Dec. 1st—
Meeting of Men's Club.

"SINGING FOR PLEASURE"

The voice with which you speak can also be made to sing. It is not at all necessary for anyone to know music or to have a trained voice to join the singing group which meets every other Monday from 8 to 9 P.M. Those who are already in this group have found a definite and enjoyable outlet for their musical inclinations. An hour devoted to singing will not only give you personal pleasure but will provide genuine relaxation.

Anyone between the ages of 16 and 75 is qualified. The next meeting, under the leadership of Cantor Putterman, will be held on Monday evening, November 21st, precisely at 8, in the Vestry.

THE SCHOOL

Sunday School.

On November 13th, Armistice Day was celebrated in the Sunday School assemblies with appropriate ceremonies. The Junior Dramatic Group under the direction of Miss Miller presented a Peace Pageant. The following children participated: Helen Chusid, Zelda Gale, Ruth Lippman, Lawrence Meltzer, Edward Newman, Leila Joan Paul, Alfred Reich, Richard Sadowsky, Judith Siegel, Shepard Van Gelder and Patricia Wolf.

Trips.

On Sunday morning, November 20th, with the exception of the High School Department there will be no formal sessions of the Sunday School. Instead each class will visit Jewish institutions and exhibitions such as the display of ORT activities abroad, the Seminary museum of ceremonial objects, the Palestine Importing House.

Junior Congregation.

On November 5th Robert Schakne, vice-president of the Junior Congregation, conducted services and delivered the sermon. On November 12th, Louis Heller resumed his duties as rabbi at the Junior services. On Saturday, November 19th, Sanford Hahn will preach the sermon.

Hebrew School.

Registration is still open to prospective pupils of the Hebrew School. There are classes for beginners as well as for those who have had previous Hebrew training.

Lateness.

Parents are reminded that sessions on Sunday morning begin at 9:45 A.M. Children should come to the Synagogue at 9:35 in order to start their lessons on time. Lateness disrupts the class and does not conduce to good discipline or good school spirit.

Social Group.

On Sunday afternoon, November 6th, the first gathering of a club for young women of 16 and young men between 16 and 18 was held at the Synagogue. The following temporary officers were elected: Louis Heller, Chairman; Josephine Levy, secretary; Harvey Cohen, chairman of the social committee; and Sidney Heller, chairman of the membership committee. Mr. Arthur Gang, the social director, will endeavor to promote an interesting program during the coming year. Dancing and refreshments rounded out the afternoon.

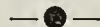
A second meeting was held on Sunday, November 13th, at which the members discussed organization. A social period followed the business meeting.

Further information about the group may be had by writing to the chairman in care of the Synagogue. Anyone within the age requirements is invited to join.

COLLEGIATE DIVISION

The opening meeting of the Collegiate Division, the young people's group of the ages of 17 to 22, took place on Monday evening, November 14th, too late for a report in this issue of The Scroll. An account of the meeting will be given in the next issue.

The next gathering of the group is to be on Monday evening, November 28th. All young people of college age are invited to be present to join the Collegiate Division.



SISTERHOOD NOTES

On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, a Brunch will be held at Essex House at a very nominal fee for all contributors and members of Federation. Those wishing tickets should communicate with Mrs. George Levin, Chairman, at the Synagogue.

The Federation for the support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies is making an earnest appeal to every Sisterhood member for funds to help them maintain their 116 charitable agencies. Members and non-members of Federation are urged to contribute. Please answer the appeal. Mail all contributions to Mrs. George Levin, Chairman, at the Synagogue.

Mrs. Sarah Botein, Chairman of Red Cross at the Temple, requests that members do not forget their obligations to contribute to Red Cross this year.

SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 20 and 21—CHARITY BAZAAR AND RESTAURANT

The date of the next Sisterhood meeting is Tuesday, November 29th. Members are urged to be present promptly at 1:30 P.M.



THE PLAYERS

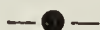
The last meeting of the Park Avenue Players, "An Evening of the Theatre," was a grand social success. Mr. Henry Katz discussed Stagecraft and illustrated his lecture with a miniature stage and small-scale lighting effects. Miss Beulah Wolfson performed several folk-dances in native dress. The Players will shortly present another "Evening of the Theatre" at which time Mrs. Clara L. Ostriker, Director of the group, will discuss the Technique of Acting.

The players are now casting for "The Tenth Man," a drama of an exquisitely mystic quality and content, with a strangely gripping finish. The players repeat their clarion call: Actors! Actresses! Prop Men! Stagehands! Front and center!! All interested in joining the group should communicate with the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Monroe S. Wexler, 1026 Park Ave.

"DE LIBRIS"

For those who may be interested therein, we append a short list of recently published books of special interest to the Jewish community.

1. **"CRISIS AND DECISION"** by Dr. Solomon Goldman, (Harper & Bros.—\$2.00.) An important contribution to Jewish thought on the Jewish problems of today and tomorrow. Discusses among others, such burning problems as "Is America turning Anti-Semitic?"; "What is behind the persecution of Jews by Nazis?"
2. **"SALON SKETCHES"** by Bertha Meyer (Bloch Pub. Co.—\$2.00) A fascinating study of the intellectual developments of German Jewry during the 19th century and the part played therein by three Jewish women, Dorothea Mendelssohn, Rahel Lewin and Henrietta Herz. The author is a professor of Germanic languages at McGill University and knows her subject thoroughly.
3. **"GOING HOME"** by Ernst Harthern (Bobbs-Merrill—\$2.50) A novel about a German Jew who is driven from his homeland to Palestine, and thereafter makes his home in America. A tale of infinite pathos shot through with terrifying realism.

**THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE**

On Tuesday evening, November 22nd, the Young Folks League will again act as host at an open meeting at which time a speaker will address the group. The meeting will be followed by a social.

November 29th, a business meeting is scheduled.

Foodstuff is now being collected for Chanukah baskets to be distributed by the League to needy Jewish families on December 17th. We encourage your contributions.

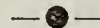
Young men and women over the ages of 21 and 19 respectively are eligible to membership in the League and may apply for membership by addressing the Young Folks League of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

MAURICE SAMUEL SPEAKS ON THE TRILOGY OF "JOSEPH"

The resumption of late Friday evening services on October 21st, was distinguished by the address of Mr. Maurice Samuel, noted lecturer and author, who again graced our pulpit as the first guest preacher of the season. Mr. Samuel wove a tapestry of fascinating beauty about Thomas Mann's epic trilogy of "Joseph." These are not merely great books, Mr. Samuel said; they constitute, like the Bible, "a momentous event in man's history." The passage of time, Mr. Mann believes, is marked by milestones of repetitions—repetitions of events and personalities. The individual is a tenuous mixture of free will and of a destiny that somehow follows the pattern of the past. "We move in the footsteps of others, and all life is but the pouring of the present into the molds of the past." This concept was strikingly applied by Mr. Samuel to the present scene. He said that it must follow from this concept that there were Nazis in the Egypt of Joseph, just as there are now Egyptians in the land of the Nazis.

Mr. Samuel's diction was a thing of breathtaking beauty; his phrasing delicate, gracious and shimmering in nuances.

We presage, with some degree of confidence, that Mr. Samuel will again be with us next year.

**PARENTS GROUP**

On Sunday morning, November 6th, the Parents Group began its class meetings with a registration of twenty. The first session was marked by an animated and interesting discussion, and by the beginning of the study of the text, "Adjusting the Jewish Child to His World" by Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, which is the basis of the class work for the year.

The next meeting is to be held on Sunday, Nov. 27th, at 10:30 o'clock in the Trustees Room. It is still not too late to join the class. Interested persons are invited to be present.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Congratulations of the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Miller on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Greenfield on the birth of a grandchild.

The congregation mourns the death of Mrs. Bertha Eisenkramer who passed away in Kokomo, Indiana, on Tuesday, November 8th. The sympathies of the congregation to her family.